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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB, UR

SUBJECT: CALL BY SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL ON GOVERNING MAYOR

REF: BERLIN 0913

1. HEAD OF SENAT CHANCELLERY HERZ INFORMED ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS SEPTEMBER 27 THAT UPSHOT OF SEVERAL RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET CONGEN OFFICIALS WAS THAT INGENIOUS SCENARIO (ALREADY PUBLICIZED THROUGH PRESS SPECULATION) HAD BEEN WORKED OUT FOR COURTESY CALL BY CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV ON GOVERNING MAYOR AT RATHAUS THAT WOULD IN BOTH SOVIET AND SENAT VIEW FINESSE FLAG ISSUE. SCRIPT CALLS FOR SHARKOV TO MAKE HIS CALL AT 4 PM, FOLLOWED BY TOGOLESE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AT 4:30 AND MAYOR OF KIEL AT 5:00. ACCORDINGLY, FLAGS OF FRG, TOGO AND USSR WILL BE DISPLAYED IN CITY HALL LOBBY TOGETHR WITH THAT OF BERLIN. HERZ SAID BRIEF COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED NOTING THE THREE VISITS. NOTHING IS TO BE SAID BY THE SENAT ABOUT CUSTOMARY PROCEDUES, NOR
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WILL THE SENAT VOLUNTEER COMMENTS ON FLAGS: HOWEVER,

SHOULD SOVIETS ALLEGE THAT FRG'S FLAG WAS DISPLAYED
IN HONOR OF KIEL MAYOR, SENAT WILL DENY THIS WAS SO.

2. PRESS INFORMS US THAT PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS
WILL BE OUT IN FORCE TO COVER SHARKOV'S CALL. IF IT
COMES OFF AS PLANNED--AND OUR PRESS SOURCES ANTICIPATE
NOTHING MORE UNTOWARD THAN POSSIBILITY OF SMALL CDU-
ORGANIZED FLAG DEMONSTRATION SIMILAR TO DEMONSTRATION
ON OCCASION OF SOVIET TRADE EXHIBITION IN MAY--THE
CALL WILL PROVIDE MEDIA WITH DAY OR TWO OF STORIES BUT
WILL QUICKLY DISAPPEAR FROM SCENE AS FAVORITE SUBJECT
OF PARTY-GOERS' GOSSIP.KLEIN

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